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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO TINDEMANS' REPORT

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1. WEST GERMAN MEDIA GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO  
TINDEMANS' REPORT, INTERVIEWS WITH TINDEMANS, AND  
INITIAL COMMENTS BY OTHERS. TONE OF WEST GERMAN  
EDITORIALS FAVORABLE AND IN GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT  
TINDEMANS MADE GOOD, SOBER REPORT DEVOID OF PIE-  
IN-SKY RHETORIC, WHICH LAYS BASIS FOR CONTINUED  
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PROGRESS TOWARD EUROPEAN UNITY.

2. "FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE" CALLED TINDEMANS' APPEAL "IMPRESSIVE", NOTING HE HAD SET NEXT GOALS FOR EUROPE WITH "REALISM AND MODESTY". PAPER AGREED THAT EC-9 MUST SEEK TO INTENSIFY FOREIGN POLICY COOPERATION, AND THAT EUROPE CANNOT BE SECURE WITHOUT COMMON DEFENSE POLICY. IT CONCLUDED THAT TINDEMANS HAS DONE HIS JOB, AND THAT GOVERNMENTS MUST NOW TAKE NEXT STEP.

3. "SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG", IN ARTICLE TITLED "NO GRAND VISION OF EUROPE", SAID THAT TINDEMANS HAD SUCCEEDED IN NOT DISAPPOINTING EXPECTATIONS BY NOT AROUSING THEM IN FIRST PLACE. IT PRAISED TINDEMANS' EFFORT TO PRESERVE AND DEVELOP WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON ROAD TO EUROPEAN UNIFICATION. IN THIS REGARD, TINDEMANS HAS POSTPONED, NOT ABANDONED, HIS HOPE OF "FEDERALIST IDEAL", AND EARLY EC INTEGRATION OF ECONOMIC AND MONETARY POLICIES. PAPER NOTED THAT EC IS WELL ON WAY TO COMMON FOREIGN POLICY (E.G., CSCE, NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, UNGA). IT AGREED ON NEED FOR COMMON SECURITY POLICY WHICH, HOWEVER, "NOT VERY PROBABLE IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE" DUE EUROPE'S NUCLEAR DEPENDENCE ON US, EUROPE'S DIVISION INTO NUCLEAR HAVE AND HAVE-NOT STATES, AND RISK OF PROVOKING USSR BY GIVING BONN CO-RESPONSIBILITY FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS. EUROPEAN COMMON SECURITY POLICY, MOREOVER, WOULD ONLY BE POSSIBLE WITH WEAPONS STANDARDIZATION AND EXPANSION OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES.

4. SPRINGER PRESS'S "DIE WELT" CARRIED ARTICLE BY OTTO VON HABSBURG, PRESIDENT OF PANEUROPA UNION. HABSBURG CALLED REPORT "CONCRETE, CAREFUL, FREE OF ILLUSIONARY DEMANDS". HE SINGLED OUT RECOMMENDATION FOR JOINT FOREIGN POLICY AND URGED EC-9 GOVERNMENTS TO MOBILIZE THEIR PUBLICS TO SUPPORT THAT GOAL. HABSBURG OPINED THAT FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD IS COMMITTED TO CREATION OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNION. HE SUGGESTED THAT , "IN VIEW OF OBSTRUCTIVE STANCE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF DANISH PREMIER JURGENSEN AND HIS DUTCH COLLEAGUE DEN UYL", BONN AND PARIS MIGHT HAVE TO RESORT TO ANOTHER PAS DE DEUX TO PROMOTE EUROPEAN UNION. AS PRECEDENT, HABSBURG CITED BONN-PARIS INITIATIVE IN CREATING EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY, TO WHICH SMALLER STATES LATER ACCEDED. HILLENBRAND

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